

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING JULY 2, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Much needed precipitation was seen across the State last week, however many areas are still reporting dry and distressed conditions due to high temperatures, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Measurable moisture was recorded in all but two weather stations, but 26 out of the 45 weather stations are below normal for the weekly average precipitation. Comments from Grant and Luna Counties stated that high winds diminished moisture received the last few weeks and that pasture and range conditions are dry. Las Vegas, at 1.95 inches, reported the largest moisture accumulation during the week. Average temperatures ranged from three degrees below to five degrees above average. Triple-digit temperatures were recorded at 17 of the 45 reporting weather stations, with daytime highs ranging from 76 degrees at Angel Fire to 109 degrees at Acme. Overnight lows varied from 32 degrees at Angel Fire to 68 degrees at New Mexico State University. Reports from Dona Ana County indicated producers had cotton, chile and other crop damage or complete loss due to previous heavy rain or hail. Statewide, topsoil moisture levels were reported as 52 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 37 percent last week, 26 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 23 percent. Onion harvest was 82 percent complete by weeks end, 21 percentage points ahead of last year and 13 percentage points ahead of the five-year average. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent severe, 9 percent moderate, and 5 percent light, compared with only 5 percent light last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 2 percent severe, 7 percent moderate, and 7 percent light, compared with 3 percent moderate and 14 percent light last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 9 percent very short, 35 percent short, and 56 percent adequate, compared with 14 percent very short, 34 percent short, and 52 percent adequate last week.

| CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Commodity | Current week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | Previous year (percent) | 5-year average (percent) |
| Alfalfa hay | | | | |
| 2 nd cutting harvested | 61 | 56 | 69 | 77 |
| 3 rd cutting harvested | 48 | 24 | 23 | 35 |
| 4 th cutting harvested..... | 4 | NA | -- | -- |
| Corn | | | | |
| Emerged | 96 | 93 | 85 | 91 |
| Silking | 1 | NA | 3 | 9 |
| Cotton | | | | |
| Emerged | 92 | 83 | 92 | NA |
| Squaring | 33 | 7 | 16 | 32 |
| Onions | | | | |
| Harvested..... | 82 | 55 | 61 | 69 |
| Peanuts | | | | |
| Planted..... | 97 | 93 | 94 | 99 |
| Emerged | 91 | 82 | 68 | NA |
| Pegging..... | 3 | NA | -- | 7 |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Planted..... | 80 | 73 | 93 | 86 |
| Emerged | 57 | 32 | 63 | NA |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Harvested for grain..... | 92 | 77 | 77 | 64 |

NA – not available
(--) – zero

| DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION | | | | |
|---|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
| Days suitable for fieldwork | 5.8 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 6.6 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 16 | 22 | 12 | 39 |
| Short | 32 | 41 | 62 | 38 |
| Adequate | 45 | 36 | 26 | 23 |
| Surplus | 7 | 1 | -- | -- |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short..... | 12 | 18 | 10 | NA |
| Short | 49 | 51 | 41 | NA |
| Adequate | 37 | 30 | 49 | NA |
| Surplus | 2 | 1 | -- | NA |

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| CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION | | | | |
|--|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Alfalfa hay | | | | |
| Very poor | 1 | -- | -- | 2 |
| Poor..... | 3 | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| Fair..... | 26 | 26 | 44 | 28 |
| Good | 66 | 69 | 45 | 49 |
| Excellent | 4 | 4 | 7 | 17 |
| Chile | | | | |
| Very poor | 1 | -- | 3 | NA |
| Poor..... | 5 | 3 | 12 | NA |
| Fair..... | 58 | 54 | 16 | NA |
| Good | 31 | 40 | 48 | NA |
| Excellent | 5 | 3 | 21 | NA |
| Corn | | | | |
| Very poor | 7 | 1 | -- | 1 |
| Poor..... | 11 | 3 | -- | 2 |
| Fair..... | 37 | 40 | 30 | 30 |
| Good | 35 | 38 | 52 | 43 |
| Excellent | 10 | 18 | 18 | 24 |
| Cotton | | | | |
| Very poor | 7 | -- | 2 | 1 |
| Poor..... | 4 | 7 | 29 | 11 |
| Fair..... | 60 | 59 | 28 | 32 |
| Good | 26 | 32 | 28 | 33 |
| Excellent | 3 | 2 | 13 | 23 |
| Pasture and range condition | | | | |
| Very poor | 7 | 7 | 2 | 27 |
| Poor..... | 22 | 24 | 18 | 29 |
| Fair..... | 46 | 45 | 48 | 25 |
| Good | 21 | 19 | 29 | 16 |
| Excellent | 4 | 5 | 3 | 3 |
| Peanuts | | | | |
| Very poor | -- | -- | -- | NA |
| Poor..... | 6 | 2 | -- | NA |
| Fair..... | 59 | 61 | 100 | NA |
| Good | 35 | 37 | -- | NA |
| Excellent | -- | -- | -- | NA |
| Pecan | | | | |
| Very poor | 3 | -- | -- | -- |
| Poor..... | 3 | -- | -- | -- |
| Fair..... | 6 | 4 | 9 | 21 |
| Good | 75 | 71 | 47 | 62 |
| Excellent | 13 | 25 | 44 | 17 |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Very poor | -- | -- | -- | 7 |
| Poor..... | 11 | 7 | -- | 11 |
| Fair..... | 71 | 58 | 71 | 42 |
| Good | 18 | 35 | 28 | 38 |
| Excellent | -- | -- | 1 | 2 |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Very poor | -- | 1 | 2 | NA |
| Poor..... | 1 | 4 | 3 | NA |
| Fair..... | 39 | 45 | 32 | NA |
| Good | 53 | 46 | 56 | NA |
| Excellent | 7 | 4 | 7 | NA |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Very poor | 4 | 3 | 12 | NA |
| Poor..... | 4 | 8 | 11 | NA |
| Fair..... | 22 | 25 | 18 | NA |
| Good | 70 | 64 | 57 | NA |
| Excellent | -- | -- | 2 | NA |

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New Mexico’s weather data can be accessed at the following:
http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/NM_Weather_07022017.pdf